

GRAZING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Commissioner Jones Justifies His Policy of Income for Indians

SENATOR KITTREDGE PROVES NOT OPPOSED

Additional Postmasters Recommended for Nebraska-Morgan O. Llewellyn's Advancement Without Father's Influence.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Indian Commissioner Jones today appeared before the senate committee on Indian affairs in regard to the policy of his bureau in reference to the leasing of grazing lands in South Dakota. Commissioner Jones justified his policy on the ground that it would bring an income to the Indians from lands which would otherwise be unoccupied. No action was taken on the resolution authorizing an investigation of the matter.

No action has been announced by Secretary Hitchcock concerning the case of Major Harding, former Indian agent at Yankton, S. D. Senators Gamble and Kittredge recently had a conference with the secretary and have advised that a decision in the case will be reached.

"The report that the South Dakota delegation is opposed to the system of leasing the Indian reservation lands in that state is incorrect, so far as I am concerned," said Senator Kittredge tonight. "On the contrary, I think it is the best plan yet proposed of securing an income from the reservations for the Indians."

Details of the Plan. "On the 10th instant," he continued, "bids for leasing 1,200,000 acres in the Standing Rock reservation were opened, and contracts have been awarded to Lemon Bros. & Walker for five years at 20 1/2 mills per acre a year. It stipulates that the lands must be fenced and 250 miles of three-wire fences are to be erected at a total cost of about \$25,000. At the expiration of the lease this fence is to become the property of the Indians. It is further stipulated that there shall be no more than one animal pastured on each forty acres, or 30,000 head on the entire tract."

The Cheyenne reservation contains about 1,400,000 acres of lands, which is to be divided into four tracts and leased on practically the same terms. Bids for this lease will be opened at an early date. The objection is raised in some quarters, because it is claimed that only the great companies can hope to secure such large tracts. But it should be remembered that the question of water for stock is an important one and to divide the reservation in the manner proposed is impracticable. There are today on the South Dakota reservations probably 50,000 cattle and horses grazing which are owned by squaw men and individual Indians who pay nothing whatever for the privileges which they enjoy.

This Method Not Satisfactory. "To lease the lands at a rental based only on the number of cattle pastured would not be satisfactory. That plan never has been. It seems to me that the method proposed is equitable and just, and that precautions in the way of limiting the number of cattle grazed have been taken to such an extent as to prevent damage to the lands and secure for the Indians an income of about \$80,000 per annum, which they would not otherwise have."

Senator Dietrich recommended for postmasters today: Imperial, C. W. Meeker, vice Thomas M. W. Wawelton, now one of the prosecuting attorneys of the territory. Young Llewellyn, while but 22 years of age, is a practical surveyor and engineer, and secured the place on the recommendation of Governor Otero, Delegate Rodey and the republican organization, his father refusing to have anything to do in the movement for his appointment, being fearful that he might be charged with nepotism.

Department Notes. These rural free delivery routes have been ordered established: Iowa—Washington county, additional service; area, twenty-five square miles; population, 495; J. Wiley Davis, carrier; Laurel, Marshall county; area, twenty-seven square miles; population, 600; William J. Gilford, carrier. South Dakota—Bentley county; area, thirty square miles; population, 465; Reinhart O. Tengen, carrier. Postmasters appointed: Iowa—Templeton, Carroll county, Mary D. Schrum. Wyoming—Kaycee, Johnson county, Frank H. Sawyer.

Dr. S. K. Spalding is appointed pension examining surgeon at Omaha. Albert M. Blackwell of Omaha is appointed assistant inspector in the bureau of animal industry.

BILL FOR FEDERAL OWNERSHIP

Measure to Give Government Control of Telegraph Lines Introduced by Senator Harris.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senator Harris today introduced a bill providing for the government ownership of the telegraph lines of the United States. Senator Mason today said he expected to address the senate on a question of personal privilege next week to deny the report circulated in Illinois and elsewhere that he is opposed to rural delivery. He added that as a member of the postoffice committee for the past four years, he consistently and upon all occasions had advocated the extension of the rural free delivery system, and as chairman of the committee this session he purposes to advocate a liberal increase of the appropriation for an extension of the service.

Senator Platt of Connecticut has introduced in the senate an amendment to the copyright law, granting copyright for twelve months to books written in a foreign language and printed abroad, such authors to use this time in making arrangements to perfect their rights under existing law. The amendment was suggested by the Copyright league.

The senate committee on commerce did not take up the ship subsidy bill at its meeting today, but a special meeting has been called for tomorrow for the purpose of considering that measure. A favorable report today was authorized.

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An Attack of Pneumonia Warded Off.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail." Says James Frenderberg, merchant, Astoria, Ore., who has been in the south for property tax. He is a member of the military force of the United States.

Misled by Headlines.

Mr. Clay of Georgia, referring to his privileged statement earlier in the session concerning a newspaper article dealing with the attitude of senators on the isthmian canal project, said that an examination of the article showed that he had been included in the list of senators favorable to a full consideration of the canal question. That was true; he had been misled by the headlines.

Swab Quits Monte Carlo.

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 16.—New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.—Charles M. Schwab left for Vienna by the 12:27 train de luxe this morning. He did not play yesterday. Mr. Schwab is probably not a winner, but is probably a considerable loser on the whole.

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